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MUNICH FOR GILMORE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: SOPN, PFOR, US

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RFE COVERAGE OF INCIDENT DURING
CEAUSESCU VISIT

1. A DEMONSTRATION BY ABOUT 1,500 TO 2,000 HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS BEGAN ABOUT 8:00 P.M. ON APRIL 16 OUTSIDE PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S RESIDENCE IN NEW YORK, THE WALDORF-ASTORIA. THE ROMANIAN PRESIDENT WAS AT HIS UN MISSION AT THE TIME. HIS SECURITY OFFICIALS DELAYED HIS RETURN TO THE HOTEL IN ORDER TO AVOID EXPOSURE, ALTHOUGH OUR SECURITY PEOPLE HAD INDICATED THERE WAS NO THREAT. WHEN CEAJSESCU DID RETURN TO HIS HOTEL A LITTLE AFTER MIDNIGHT, THE DEMONSTRATION HAD DWINDLED TO FOUR PERSONS AND A BULL HORN. WIRE SERVICES MAY HAVE CARRIED REPORTS, BUT THERE
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HAS BEEN LITTLE MEDIA COVERAGE HERE.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED WALTER ROBERTS OF THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING. HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE INCIDENT OR ANY RFE COVERAGE BUT PROMISED TO CHECK. WE ADVISED ROBERTS THAT, IF RFE SHOULD DECIDE TO COVER THE INCIDENT, IN ANY WAY, WE HOPE IT WOULD PUT THE EVENT IN

PERSPECTIVE AS A MINOR INCIDENT.

3. FOR MUNICH: THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR

DISCUSSING THIS IN LOW-KEY WITH THE RFE MANAGEMENT TO
ENSURE THEY ARE AWARE OF THE ACTUAL PERSPECTIVE OF THIS
MINOR INCIDENT. CHRISTOPHER

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